

UNCLE SAM'S SPECIAL AGENT "GREAT" REPORTS MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

FREDERIC C. HOWE, SENT TO ENGLAND TO INVESTIGATE, TELLS OF THE GREAT GROWTH AND MARVELOUS SUCCESS IN A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—GREAT VILLS EXPECTED IN THEORY IN UNITED STATES DO NOT EXIST.

Washington, D. C., April 14.—The wonderful growth and success of municipal ownership of street railways, gas companies, water works and other public utilities in England is the subject of a report just made by the general government's department of labor.

Frederic C. Howe, Ph. D., went abroad as the special agent of the United States government to study this subject. In view of the increasing interest in these matters this information is likely to attract more than usual interest at this time.

It is the conclusion of Mr. Howe that the United States is far behind the rest of the world on this line.

In all Britain there are 2110 public undertakings of various sorts, including water works, gas plants, electric plants, street railway system, etc., and of this number 177 are owned by municipalities, and only 1333 by private corporations. Many of the latter are passing into public control.

The British have come generally to accept public as opposed to private ownership as applied to water, gas, electric lighting, street railways and markets. Parliament itself, which has been cautious of its grant of powers, now treats these industries as naturally public ones.

In various places, says the report, municipal ownership has come now to include municipal dwellings, docks, markets, bays, race courses, oyster fisheries, slaughter houses, milk depots, employment bureaus and sewage farms.

The city of Brighton owns the local race course, from which it derives a revenue of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year. Municipal theaters have been opened at Brighton and Southborough.

West Ham manufactures its own paving stones and sells them to contractors at a profit.

Colchester has a municipal oyster bed. Manchester produces soap, oil, tallow and mortar as residuals from its gas and other industries.

Many cities supplying gas deal in stove and gas fittings. Others, dealing in electricity, wire the houses and supply them with fittings. Southampton and Bradford are advocating municipal tailoring establishments, to manufacture the uniforms of town employees.

In some of the northern districts of Great Britain proposals have been advanced that the municipalities should buy up coal mines for the supply of their industries and the relief of consumers.

Municipal insurance schemes are finding favor, and there is considerable agitation in favor of municipal savings banks and brokerage establishments for the disposal of securities. A number of cities supply sterilized milk for children and the ultimate municipalization of the entire

milk supply is being urged. Glasgow maintains an institution for the cure of inebriates. Wolverhampton sells ice to the traders of the town.

After discussing some of the objections and causes of opposition which have had to be overcome in Great Britain, Prof. Howe concludes with the following summary of some of the advantages of municipal ownership:

1. Municipal ownership stimulates public spirit, promotes good citizenship and arouses local patriotism.
2. Public operation is consistent with the best interests of the community. It permits one public utility to serve another.
3. Public ownership has greatly cheapened the cost of the service.
4. Municipal ownership has proved a financial success. In many cities it has paid off city debts and cut taxes.
5. Municipal ownership has improved the conditions of labor by increasing wages, shortening hours and establishing cordial relations between the public and its servants.
6. Municipal ownership is subject to public sentiment. Every voter is a critic and can make his influence felt.

THEORIES AGAINST MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP CONFUTED

Frederic C. Howe, who investigated municipal ownership in Great Britain and has made a report to the United States department of labor, says:

"The weight of public opinion in Great Britain is that municipal ownership in the concrete has justified itself there, and present criticism is largely resolved into the theoretical one of the proper functions and powers of government."

"Assuredly, municipal ownership has not involved an increase of municipal corruption. The instances of corrupt dealings between councilmen and those dealing with the city are so rare as to be non-existent."

"Nor is there any evidence that the increase in municipal employees has led to their tyranny over departments or officials. Municipal employees are not organized to promote their own interest, however reasonable it is to assume that they would be. Nor is there any evidence that the personnel of the town councils has deteriorated, or that they are incapable of managing such intricate undertakings as those taken over. Of all these criticisms the reverse seems to be true."

"The interests of the city have become so vast that men of strength and of character are attracted to the public service. Similar considerations make the public and the press very alert and awake to the municipal business."

"The doings of the town council are published widely and carefully perused. Public spirit is constantly on the lookout to maintain the character



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of its representatives in the council. At the same time a sense of dignity and self-respect seems to have been bred by the public service among its employees.

"There is no considerable sentiment in favor of a return to private operation among any portion of the community, except the very small class interested in private franchises. This is the best test of the success of the movement."

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Proposals.

Sealed proposals will be received up to noon of Saturday, April 21, 1906, for the erection of a dormitory at the University of New Mexico. Plans and specifications can be seen and bids will be received at the office of E. B. Christy, Room 27, N. T. Armijo building, Albuquerque, N. M.

All bids must be marked on the outside of envelope, "Proposals for Erection of Dormitory," and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for one hundred and fifty dollars, payable to the treasurer of the board of regents, as evidence of good faith, the same to be forfeited in case the bidder, if successful, fails to enter into contract and necessary bond in accordance with the specifications.

The board of regents reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. H. WROTH, Secretary.

Human Blood Marks.

A tale of horror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J. W. Williams, a well known merchant of Rac, Ky. He writes: "Twenty years ago I had severe hemorrhages of the lungs, and was near death when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It completely cured me and I have remained well ever since." It cures hemorrhages, chronic coughs, settled colds and bronchitis, and is the only known cure for weak lungs. Every bottle guaranteed by all druggists, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

A MUSEMENTS

Although Walter Scott, the "Desert King," and the play, "Scotty, King of the Desert Mine," is booked at the Elks' theater for April 17, it is not by any means certain that "Scotty" will reach here as Warner Scott, brother of the Death Valley Miner, has filed suit against "Scotty" for \$150,000 damages, and it is rumored that Warner's attorney is preparing to attach the show. Warner Scott, in his suit, alleges that "Scotty" or "Scotty" and his intended to secure possession by force of arms, of a code book which Owen carried, and which he used for sending messages east to the capitalists he represented, and which "Scotty" intended using for unlawful purposes, and that in the evening "Scotty" and one William Keyes, in an ambush, shot at and killed Owen and himself, for all of which he pays \$100,000 actual damages and \$50,000 punitive damages. "Scotty," at the time of the ambush, was arranged in San Bernardino, Cal., on a charge of conspiracy to murder, but was released on \$2,000 bail, and immediately joined his show, which is under the management of Charles A. Taylor, the New York theatrical manager. If the show is not attached, "Scotty, King of the Desert Mine," will be seen at the Elks' theater Tuesday, April 17. The play is said to be a real "thriller," and all of the many escapades of the mysterious "Scotty's" life are worked up in the melodrama, including the flight of "Coyote Special," the fight at Wingate Pass, and "Scotty's" flight on his faithful mule, "Slim." The mule, in the flesh, will be introduced during the action of the play. If the melodrama reaches Albuquerque it will be a play well worth seeing, aside from

the star, about whom so much has been said and written.

After the appearance here Tuesday, April 17, of "Scotty, King of the Desert Mine," the Elks' theater will be dark until May 3, upon which date the students of the university of New Mexico will present for the delectation of Albuquerque theater-goers, and incidentally, themselves, the comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," as their annual university play. This will wind up the attractions at the Elks' until the following season, and Manager Matson, at this early date, promises the local theater-goers some attractions for next season that will compare with any offerings we have had the past season, in spite of the high class character of some of them.

Beginning tomorrow afternoon, the weather permitting, the First regiment band will render a concert in Robinson park, and every Sunday afternoon thereafter. The band has been practicing diligently all winter and is in excellent shape, and the result should be an exceptionally meritorious concert tomorrow afternoon.

The "call" for the Coronado Tent City band, under the management of Henry Ohmeyer, has been issued. The "call" states that all members of the band will leave California points and Chicago, Friday, May 25, and Kansas City on train No. 1, Saturday, May 26, for Albuquerque, where the band will organize Monday, May 28, rendering two concerts in the city Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29 and 30. Other dates to follow are Flagstaff, May 31; Phoenix, June 2; Prescott, June 3; with dates in California, until Tuesday, June 19, to follow, the band going into summer quarters at Coronado Tent City on that date. This musical organization is well known to lovers of band music in this city, they having made Albuquerque their organization point for several years past.

EASTER TIDE.

Written for The Evening Citizen.

Though dark be thy way and drear, Trust thy Savior without fear; His light shall brighten all dark ways On this most glorious of days.

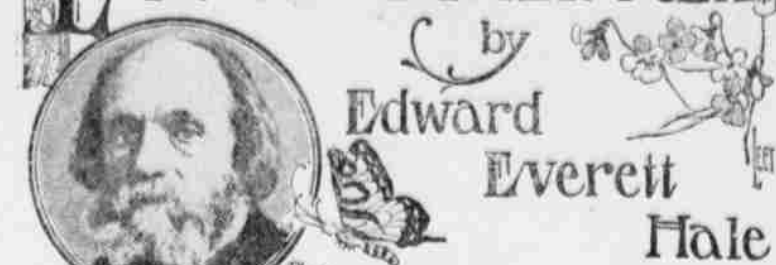
When sound the joyful Easter bells, And the glad anthem swells, Let us bow our hearts in prayer And seek freedom from all care.

Let us remember Christ is love, That he sent his snow white dove, To show us our rightful place, And be saved by Jesus' grace.

Let us join the happy throng, Lift our voice in joyous song; Christ the Lord, is risen today, Let us never say him nay.

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LITTLE-AN EASTER POEM



Edward Everett Hale

That is what we try for, hope for, and pray for.

That we may think more, feel more, love more, and be more; That we may have life more abundantly, as He said.

Nothing—nothing helps in this seeking, as the sight of it—The brook which is alive again, The saxifrage which is alive, The pussy willow, the crocus, The snowdrop, the violet, The bluebird, the butterfly.

EASTER JOYS

By the President's Pastor
Rev. John M. Schick, of the Dutch Reformed Church, Washington.



than a mere coming forth from a conquered grave, some nineteen centuries ago, and that it consists, especially, in His own blessed rising in His people, their hope of glory. The real joy of the Christian is not found in a dead past, but in a living present, as the sure foundation of unchangeable delight.

This, therefore, is the message of joy which the Christian brings to the world on Easter day: Jesus Christ, triumphant over death, rises in the hearts and lives of all who will receive Him and become for them the conqueror of sin and wrong. Real Easter joy consists, today, in the Christian's triumph over selfishness and sin, through the rising power of Him whose great victory for the human race, over death and hell, was made manifest that morn when the grave yielded up its prey and the hope of life eternal found place amongst the certainties of human life.

BIDS WANTED

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